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Presbyterian, and at his death was a trustee of the church of that denomination in the city of Virginia.

On February 4, 1873, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Tate, of Virginia, who was taken from him by death on March 26, 1884. He was again married, on November 28, 1889, to Miss Nellie Woodman Epler, daughter of Mr. Wm. Epler, of Cass county, who survives him with two sons aged 13 and 16, respectively.

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#### DR. WILLIAM P. SHORT.

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Dr. William Pleasant Short, one of the oldest native-born citizens of central Illinois, died at the St. Clair hospital in Lincoln, Logan county, on Monday, Jan. 10, 1910, at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 5 days. He was born on the banks of Indian creek, near Indian Point, in Menard (then Madison) county, on June 5, 1819, and resided there with his parents until he was 20 years old, when he established an old-time flatboat ferry across Salt Creek on the line between the present Mason and Logan counties. A few years later he married a Miss Roll and settled on a farm west of Mason City, and there resided the balance of his life. He was perhaps the first practicing physician in that section of the State, continuing his professional work until the civil war, when he retired from it and devoted his attention to farming exclusively. His wife died fifteen years ago, after they had lived together on the old farm for over half a century. Two sons survive him.

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#### DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE W. SMITH.

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Mrs. Maria Louisa Smith, a lady of distinguished Illinois lineage, was born in Belleville, Illinois, on November 16, 1844, and died at her residence, 205 Goethe street, Chicago, on the 11th of December, 1909. She was the

daughter of Hon. Wm. C. Kinney, the only surviving son of historic William Kinney, an early State Senator and Lieutenant Governor of this State. Her mother was the daughter of Elias Kent Kane, the first Secretary of State of Illinois, and subsequently one of its ablest and most brilliant representatives in the United States Senate.

Her husband, Gen. George W. Smith, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1837, and died in Chicago on Sept. 16, 1898. Coming to Illinois at an early age he became very conspicuous in public affairs, gaining high distinction in military and civil service, as colonel of the 88th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers and brigadier general in the civil war, and as State Treasurer, and in other official positions.

Mrs. Smith is survived by two sisters, one of whom is the widow of the late Hon. G. A. Koerner, and by four children, Kinney Smith, F. C. Smith, Miss Katherine Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Stevenson.

Mrs. Smith was of the third generation of native Illinoisans, a descendent of pioneers whose names are inseparably interwoven with the early progress and grandeur of our State. She was a woman of refinement and culture whose purity of character, benevolence and amiable disposition commanded the respect, esteem and admiration of all who knew her.

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### THOMAS TURNER.

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One of the oldest native residents of Illinois, Mr. Thomas Turner, died at his residence in Waverly, Morgan county, on Friday night, Jan. 21, 1910, at the age of 92 years and 20 days. He was born in Tazewell county on Jan. 1, 1818, and before he was grown to manhood, moved to a farm near Jacksonville, and from there to Waverly, where he has resided for the last seventy-